

Passage Study Guide

This week we will be studying The Temptation of Jesus. We have included the pertinent Scripture passages for you to read and study. We have also provided a series of exercises and follow-up questions for you to consider as you study this week.

Study Exercises

1. What's the same?

Spend time reading the passages from each of the Gospels. Then look for what's the same in each of the Gospel accounts. When you identify something that is found in all of the accounts underline them.

2. What's different?

Spend time reading the passages from each of the Gospels. Then look for what's different in each of the Gospel accounts. When you identify something that is different go ahead and underline them in a different color.

3. What's unique?

Spend time reading the passages from each of the Gospels. Then look for what's unique to each of the Gospel accounts (if applicable). When you identify something that is unique go ahead and highlight them.

4. What concepts or ideas are discussed?

Make a list of the concepts or ideas that are discussed by the Gospel writers in regards to this passage.

5. Key thoughts and crucial questions

What do you think the author was intending to communicate / get the reader to consider when writing the following —

- Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit ... What had just happened while Jesus was at the Jordan River? Do you think the river experience had anything to do with Jesus being full of the Holy Spirit? How so?
- Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where he was tempted ... Have you had seasons in life where you sense the Spirit was leading you into a wilderness experience? What was that like for you?
- Satan tempted Jesus in three ways — the lust of the flesh [‘tell this stone to become a loaf of bread’], the lust of the eyes [“I will give you the glory of these kingdoms”], and the pride of life [“If you are the Son of God, jump off... (for God) will order his angels to protect and guard you”]. Can you recall ways you have been or are regularly tempted in one or more of these areas?
- Jesus responded with Scripture each time he was tempted. If we were to respond like Jesus did to temptation, what would be required of us regarding our knowledge and understanding of the Bible?

6. Common Threads

Pastor Daniel talked about three common threads in the temptation of Jesus — can you recall what they are? If so, what struck you about these threads?

7. Takeaways

Pastor Daniel shared four takeaways with regard to the text — can you recall what they are? If so, which takeaways did you find most challenging or thought-provoking?



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Great news! Jesus understands our weakness and wants to help!

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Application

If Jesus understands us, how might that reality impact the way we face temptation?

What would it look like for you to elevate the importance of Scripture in your daily living?

Heavenly perspective or human perspective — what experiments could you attempt to gain a more consistent, heavenly perspective?

Prayer

Write out a prayer to God, and take time to share your successes and failures with regard to temptation. Ask Him to give you strength and power to resist the enemy and draw close to Him.



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Matthew 4:1-11

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1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. 2 For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.

3 During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."

4 But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, 6 and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands

so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'"

7 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'"

8 Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."

10 "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God

and serve only him.'"

11 Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

Mark 1:12-13

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12 The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness, 13 where he was tempted by Satan for forty days. He was out among the wild animals, and angels took care of him.

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Luke 4:1-13

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4 Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, [a] 2 where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry.

3 Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread."

4 But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone.' [b]"

5 Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them," the devil said, "because they are mine to give to anyone I please. 7 I will give it all to you if you will worship me."

8 Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God

and serve only him.' [c]"

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! 10 For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect and guard you.

11 And they will hold you up with their hands

so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.' [d]"

12 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.' [e]"

13 When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came.

**No record of the
"Temptation of Jesus"
in the book of John**